*The little fishes' answer was*
*'We cannot do it, Sir, because——'*

"I'm afraid I don't quite understand," said Alice.

"It gets easier further on," Humpty Dumpty replied.

*"I sent to them again to say*
*'It will be better to obey.'*

*The fishes answered with a grin,*
*'Why, what a temper you are in!'*

*I told them once, I told them twice:*
*They would not listen to advice.*

*I took a kettle large and new,*
*Fit for the deed I had to do.*

*My heart went hop, my heart went thump;*
*I filled the kettle at the pump.*



*Then some one came to me and said,*
*'The little fishes are in bed.'*

*I said to him, I said it plain,*
*'Then you must wake them up again.'*

*I said it very loud and clear;*
*I went and shouted in his ear."*